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Dear Mr. Opalski,

In October 2019, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the Alaska State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program was eligible to receive \$26,648,000 in additional funding for impacts resulting from the November 20, 2018 earthquake under the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (ASADRA) of 2019. In accordance with the EPA guidance, the Alaska SRF Program reached out to water and wastewater utilities affected by the earthquake to solicit interest and potential projects for funding. Unfortunately, there were no utilities that expressed interest in the available ASADRA loan funds and no eligible projects identified.

Without interested utilities and potentially eligible projects, the required state match of 20%, or \$5.33 million, was not included in the State Fiscal Year 2021 budget signed by Governor Dunleavy on April 6, 2020. As a result, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is declining the ASADRA funds.

I appreciate the assistance and patience of the EPA SRF staff as we evaluated the funding opportunity, and look forward to working together on future SRF endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason W. Brune".

Jason W. Brune
Commissioner